

Are you at risk for developing Colorectal Cancer?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you are more likely to develop colorectal cancer:

- ◇ Are you 50 years of age or older?
- ◇ Has a close family member (parent, brother, sister, or child) had cancer of the colon or rectum?
- ◇ Have you had polyps (growths) in your colon or rectum?
- ◇ Have you had colorectal cancer in the past?
- ◇ Do you have ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease?

Questions for your HealthCare Provider

- ◇ What screening tests are available?
- ◇ How and when will I get my test results?
- ◇ How can I prevent myself from getting cancer?

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To apply for a FREE COLONOSCOPY

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Information on Colorectal Cancer



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What is Colorectal Cancer?

Cancer is caused by unhealthy cells that grow out of control. Colorectal cancer is cancer in the colon (large intestine) or rectum. This cancer:

- Is a common type of cancer in both men and women.
- Is a top cause of death from cancer in both men and women.

Why do I need to get screened?

Getting screened for colorectal cancer can save your life. This is because:

- Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms at first. If cancer isn't found and treated, it can spread to other parts of the body.
- Once cancer has spread, it's more of a threat to your health and life.
- Screening can find cancer before it has spread. When cancer is detected early, you can obtain treatment early. Early treatment gives you the best chance of a cure.

Did you know?

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S. and in Wyoming. Although screening for this disease could save hundreds of lives each year, Wyoming people are not screening as they should.

Colorectal cancers are thought to develop slowly over many years. Before a cancer develops, there are usually precancerous changes in the colon or rectum called polyps. A polyp is a growth of tissue in the lining of the colon or rectum. Something happens to change the benign polyps into malignant tumors, but because this change can take a very long time, there is time to find the polyps and remove them before they can cause trouble.

This is what makes colorectal cancer so **preventable**.



Just the Facts...

Every year, about 250 Wyoming men and women are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Most of these cancers occur after age 50, which is why the Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program urges all Wyoming men and women age 50 and older be screened. If you are higher risk due to personal or family history, talk to your doctor today about colorectal screening. Medicare and many private insurance plans pay for regular colorectal screening.

For many people, cost is the number one reason for not screening for colorectal cancer. The cost of a colonoscopy can range from \$1,500 to \$3,500 depending on the procedure utilized. The Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Program was created to reduce the cost-related barriers associated with screening. For more information about the program, please contact us at:

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